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IMSAN and Playa Linda partner to provide ambulance service for Palm Beach area



Signing the Agreement



Dr. Mud hands over keys to Supervisor Rudy Rafini

Playa Linda Beach Resort General Manager Jan van Ness was proud to unveil the new facility on the resort's premises to be used as a headquarters and dispatch of ambulance service to the immediate area. Accepting the keys to the renovated center was Drs. J.L. Mud, AI Director for Instituto Medico San Nicolas, IMSAN, which will run the service for island visitors.

"Most ambulances are dis-

patched from Oranjestad or Wayaca, near the airport, which requires them to battle the traffic through town to get to Palm Beach," explained van Ness on his decision to allot a portion of the resort to this project. "Immediacy in response during emergencies has always been an issue, and IMSAN has been scouting for a proper location that will allow them to serve the Palm Beach area and its visiting



Imsan Director of AI Dr. Mud with Jan van Ness and team

population of nearly 10,000 weekly. When they approached us at Playa Linda, a resort where many of our guests are older and some have chronic ailments, it was an absolute "no brainer."

"Having an ambulance and team on site and in close proximity to all Palm Beach and Eagle Beach Resorts, guest houses in Malmok and other adjacent areas, dedicated to the tourist population, we imagine will be a great reassurance for vacationers," commented Drs. Mud. Those needing emergency transport to the hospital can call 911, and the team can be at their accommodation in a matter of moments.

IMSAN also offers services for those in discomfort, but not considered medical emergencies on a 24/7 basis. Their Mobile Medical team provides multi-lingual service to resorts by sending the doctor on duty, which will provide a medical consult and first response emergency care. When diagnosis and treatment is needed for

circumstances not requiring hospitalization, the IMSAN team can be called at 584-5050 24/7, and they will respond. This service is strictly for island visitors, as all residents must go through the procedure prescribed by the AZV, Aruba's national health plan.

A vacation on Aruba should be a carefree time without wor-

ries, but hotel executives are well aware it is important to be prepared for the unexpected. Knowing emergency response will be close by and immediate should provide additional relaxation for all of Aruba's visiting population.

by Rosalie Klein

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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

'Lives at stake' in hunt for tornado survivors in US

JOPLIN, Missouri (AFP) – Rescuers combed through overturned cars and flattened buildings Tuesday hunting for survivors after this Missouri town was struck by one of the strongest tornadoes ever recorded in the US.

A massive mile-wide funnel-cloud, with winds of up to 200 miles (320 kilometers) an hour, tore with devastating force through the town of Joplin late Sunday, leaving 116 people dead and hundreds more missing.

Joplin city manager Mark Rohr said early Tuesday said there was an increasing sense of urgency, as rescuers scoured the town's rubble and debris in hopes of finding more survivors.

"People's lives are at stake," Rohr told a press conference

The Joplin tornado is on course to be classified as the deadliest single twister to strike the United States since modern records began in 1950 -- matching the toll in a tornado in Flint, Michigan in 1953 that also left 116 people dead.

More than 2,000 buildings -- about a third of this town that borders the heartland states of Kansas and Oklahoma -- were damaged or destroyed, when the twister came roaring through with just a 24-minute warning.

Sunday's massive twister cut a swath of destruction four miles (6.4 kilometers) long and three quarters of a mile (more than a kilometer) wide.

Netanyahu stands firm on peace with Palestinians



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu waves after speaking during a joint meeting of Congress at the US Capitol in Washington.

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu told the US Congress Tuesday

he would uproot settlements in a "generous" peace deal with Palestinians, but ruled out international demands to return to the 1967 borders or share Jerusalem.

In his speech to a rare joint session of the US legislature, the Israeli leader broke no substantial new ground in his positions and rejected key calls from US President Barack Obama and the international community, who have been looking for ways to revive the comatose peace process.

Netanyahu also ruled out any return to talks as long as the unity deal between Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas and the Islamist Hamas continues, while saying the real stumbling block to peace was the refusal of the Palestinians to recognize Israel as a Jewish state.

"In any peace agreement that ends the conflict, some settlements will end up beyond Israel's borders," Netanyahu said, adding he had to be "honest" with the Israeli public.

"We will be very generous on the size of a future Palestinian state," he said in a speech frequently punctuated by warm applause and at least 20 standing ovations from the US lawmakers.

But Netanyahu again ruled out any return to the borders that existed before the 1967 Middle East War or dividing

the holy city of Jerusalem. The Palestinians demand east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state.

"Jerusalem must never again be divided. Jerusalem must remain the united capital of Israel," Netanyahu said.

The issue of accepting the 1967 borders basis as a starting point for negotiations has been at the core of an ongoing row between Netanyahu and Obama.

Obama last week gave public voice to the long-held view of the US and international communities that a Palestinian state should be created based on the borders that existed before the 1967 Six Day War.

Such a state would include the Gaza Strip, the occupied West Bank and mostly Arab but Israel-annexed east Jerusalem, with some adjustments and land swaps so that Israel can maintain settlement blocs.

As such Netanyahu's positions are unlikely to entice the Palestinians back to the negotiating table or persuade them to abandon attempts to seek recognition for a Palestinian state when the UN General Assembly meets in September.

In a swift reaction, a Palestinian official said there was "nothing new" in Netanyahu's speech, saying the Israeli leader was just "adding obstacles" on the road to peace.

Canada announces sanctions against Syria

OTTAWA, Canada (AFP) – Canada's foreign affairs minister announced Tuesday sanctions against Syria's government over its "violent repression" of peaceful pro-democracy demonstrators.

"Canada will, effective immediately, impose economic sanctions on members of the current Syrian regime... because of the regime's steadfast and continued refusal to end its violent repression of peaceful demonstrators and the threat this poses to the region," Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird said.

"This abhorrent crackdown must end," he added. "It is a grave breach of international peace."

The minister's announcement follows similar measures

taken by the United States and allies prompted by reports of hundreds of people being killed by Syria's security forces since mid-March.

"Hundreds more have been injured and thousands have been arrested," said Baird. "The international community is not standing idly by, nor will Canada."

The sanctions include bans on members of the Syrian regime from traveling to Canada, and on exports of goods and technologies to Syria that could be used by its military and police such as arms, munitions and nuclear technologies.

As well, all bilateral cooperation agreements and initiatives with Syria will be suspended, Baird said.

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6 Myths About Employee Incentive Programs: Part III

In part II, if you remember, I promised I will give you may take on the matter of incentive programs. Well, here it is! In my many years of experience from a management perspective, and from the perspective of someone looking in from the outside as I have had opportunity to provide motivational sessions and advice for numerous companies both locally and internationally – I conclude that an incentive program is often very necessary, and can make a sizeable difference in a company's bottom line. That said, I hasten to add that, providing it is a sound, sensible program...not one that does more harm than good.

Incentive programs that do more harm than good are usually the ones that involve competition. When you identify winners, there will always be those that feel as if they've lost. This can discourage team work. When you make employees compete for limited spots, you may devalue the variety of talent.

To counteract this you can implement a kind of friendly competition. Plan a competition where the reward is small and the task is inconsequential. For example, you can organize a sporting event outside of

work, or offer awards for small things like the "cleanest office." These activities are fun and contribute to the overall work environment. But pitting them against each other on their work skills is a formula for disaster.

I would use programs that are open-ended and inclusive where any number of workers can meet the goals and no one loses because another person won.

You'd be surprised to learn that there are companies that deliberately choose to implement an incentive program as an alternative to paying salary increases, or at least to avoid paying better wages. Their philosophy is, if I offer a monetary prize for the best performer each month, they will all work hard to earn the prize and eventually everyone will at one time get that extra income they all want. How deceptive and useless!

First off, it is my belief, however, that if employees are paid what they are really and truly worth, you may never need any kind of incentive program. People, who feel that they are earning their just due, are usually very satisfied, dedicated and loyal and will perform at their very best 98% of the time. The remaining 2% is

for the occasional office frolicking and usual goof offs.

Secondly, I am convinced that if you have a management that provides solid, exemplary moral leadership, positive feedback, and proper guidance you will consistently stimulate the kind of productivity you want. This kind of leadership will also provide a sense of ownership on the part of employees that no type of incentive program or amount of compensation can.

My conclusion therefore is a very simple one: pay your people well...what you know they are really worth, have a strong well balanced leadership in place, be generous with positive personal feedback, make certain that people are well guided, keep an open line of communication and an open door to every employee,... then, worry less about incentive programs. Chances are you may not need such a program!

This concludes this series of articles on incentives.

If this article or the other two, Part I or Part II, were of any help, or if you want to react to them, please feel free to write to me: tonygreen.morningnews@hotmail.com. Thanks.

Schiphol Group director NijHuis pleased with Aruba



Mr. Nijhuis

ORANJESTAD -- Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman and Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment Benny Sevinger recently met with Schiphol Group director, Mr. Nijhuis to deliberate on the cooperation between Aruba and Schiphol. Aruba airport director Peter Steinmetz was also present at this important meeting.

In a brief interview following the meeting, Nijhuis indicated that the meeting went very well and that certain specific and concrete agreements were accorded.

In his words, Nijhuis said... "we talked about how Schiphol and Aruba can work together. The action points discussed are various with some of them to be implemented rather quickly while others will take some time to implement."

With respect to concrete agreements, Nijhuis pointed out that "...primarily on the matter of co-branding there is

much work being done, which should be completed soon." Schiphol Group is intent on working with Aruba on attracting more tourists from Europe. This, according to Nijhuis..."is exactly what I mean by co-branding." Co-branding is the term used to show how two or more strong name brands are working visible with each other.

As an example, on the Schiphol site you can observe that we are doing everything possible to stimulate air traffic, and in that fashion we can promote Aruba very effectively. Schiphol and Aruba are two name brands that are working together.

Within a few weeks the name Schiphol will become more visible in Aruba. This is something that even before our meeting today was already decided on, reported Nijhuis.

He indicated that he will be back on Aruba for a subsequent meeting that is yet to be planned. Travelling to Aruba, according to the Dutch airport official, is something very enjoyable. He expects to return sometime in the month of October.

In conclusion of the brief interview, Nijhuis indicated that he is absolutely confident about the developments and cooperation being planned between Aruba and the Schiphol Group.

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tors group has earned the right of existence; and has now become an integral part of our hospital program.

EPK Store, located in 15 Latin American countries, and in Central America, the Caribbean and Europe, is now also in Aruba. EPK Stores offer a varied line of clothing and accessories for children at very reasonable prices.

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Be sure to look to the skies when inside the Renaissance Mall “O Aruba-Our Beloved Rock”- Commemorative exhibit now on display



Aruba's Museo Arqueológico Nacional Aruba (MANA) the national archeological institution located in downtown Oranjestad, opened a new exhibit in the main concourse of the Renaissance Shopping Mall on Wednesday evening, May 18, in commemoration of -the year-long celebration of the 35th anniversary of Aruba's own flag and National Anthem, introduced to the public on March 18, 1976. The date, March 18, has since been established as Aruba's "Anthem and Flag Day," a national holiday. This year, the 18th of

every month, some island institution will stage a special event marking this landmark year which is also the silver anniversary of "Status Aparte," - autonomous rule for Aruba within the Dutch Kingdom, which the island achieved in 1986.

The subject of the exposition, Aruban creativity born from necessity, past, present and future, is titled "O Aruba-Nos Baranca ta Stima," - "O Aruba-Our Beloved Rock," an homage to the chorus of the island's national anthem. Museum Head Curator Arminda

Ruiz explained that faced with the dilemma of needing to close of part of the museum for some months and wanting to participate in the year-long celebration, they approached Meta Corp CEO Eduardo de Veer with the idea of placing their exhibition in the Renaissance Mall main concourse, and were enthusiastically welcomed to do so.

The exhibit is a collaborative effort by museum staff members Margarita Wever and Archeologist Harold Kelly, NOW Advertising and Graphic Design, which produced the logo displays. International award-winning Aruban artist Ryan Maduro designed and constructed the stand for the single actual artifact, the symbolic rock, a distinctive hunk of pillow basalt, which is the centerpiece of the show. Judged to be the oldest mineral formation on the island, it has been carbon dated as between 90 to 95 millions years old. It was found during a dig in 1997; archaeologists feel its unique properties forced the Amerindians that



had migrated to Aruba to adapt to using this particular rock when making their tools, thus the theme of creativity and adaptability in advancing culture on Aruba, which is explained in both English and Papiamentu.

The exhibit will be on display during regular mall hours seven days a week until November, and hangs from the rafters of the central shopping alley; be sure to look up when entering the concourse to enjoy this colorful march through Aruban history and prehistory, and to understand why the lone rock now occu-



pies a central place in the shopping mall.

by Rosalie Klein

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Sci-Tech

Leaping roach, 'T-rex' leech among new species



Pollinating Cricket (*Glomeremus orchidophilus*)

WASHINGTON (AFP) — A jumping cockroach, a glow-in-the-dark fungus, a rust-eating bacterium and a leech named "T-rex" were among the top 10 new species discovered in the world last year, US scientists said Monday.

The creatures were uncovered in Brazil, Madagascar, South Africa, Peru, the Philippines, West Africa, the US state of Oregon, the Mas-

ferocious meat-eating dinosaur was removed from a man's nose in Peru. While it measures less than five centimeters (two inches) long, its powerful jaw and massive teeth earned it the name *Tyrannobdella rex*, which means "tyrant leech king."

Scientists in Canada and Spain identified the iron-oxide munching bacterium from a section of the Titanic which in 1912 sank deep into the Atlantic Ocean after striking an iceberg.

"Researchers believe this bacterium could be useful in the disposal of old ships and oil rigs that lie deep in the ocean," the IISE said in a statement.

Minuscule mushrooms in the forests of Sao Paulo, Brazil were found to "glow constantly, emitting a bright, yellowish-green light," it said, becoming one of the around 70 species of fungi in the world known to be bioluminescent.

A cockroach that mimics a grasshopper in its jumping ability was detected in South Africa. The saltoblatella montistabularis has legs are specially made for jumping, a stabilizing antenna and round eyes at the sides of its head.

A raspy cricket, glomeremus orchidophilus, found in the Mascarene Archipelago in the Indian Ocean was discovered to be the only creature that pollinates a rare

orchid, *Angraecum cadetii*.

Scientists in the north-western state of Oregon found an unusual mushroom thriving under the chilly waters of the Rogue River.

And a spider that can weave its web -- with silk twice as strong as any spider known to man -- across the entire width of a river was discovered in Madagascar.

"The webs of Darwin's Bark Spider have been found spanning rivers, streams and lakes, and in one instance, a web stretched 82 feet (25 meters) across a Madagascar river with at least 30 insects trapped in it," the IISE said.

Other top selections were new type of antelope, a pan-



Duiker (*Philantomba walteri*)

cake batfish -- a fish that resembles a walking bat when it moves awkwardly through the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico -- and a six-foot-long (1.8 meter) fruit-eating lizard in the Philippines.

"Our best guess is that all species discovered since 1758 represent less than 20 percent of the kinds of plants and animals inhabiting planet Earth," said Quentin Wheeler, an entomologist who directs the IISE.

"A reasonable estimate is that 10 million species remain to be described, named, and classified before the diversity and complexity of the biosphere is understood," he said.

Pictures and more details on the species are at <http://species.asu.edu>.

Nook gets lean, adds touch screen



Barnes & Noble on Tuesday unveiled a lean new version of its Nook electronic book reader boasting a touch screen, months-long battery life and a price on par with Amazon.com's mid-line Kindle. The Simple Touch Reader featuring a six-inch, black-and-white touch screen was available for order online at nook.com for \$139 and was to begin shipping on June 10. "Touch makes it simple to use, and the beautifully compact design makes it the most portable eReader in its class," Barnes & Noble chief executive William Lynch said in a release.

More Sony websites hacked, 8,500 Greek accounts hit

TOKYO (AFP) — Sony on Tuesday said its websites in three countries had been hacked with 8,500 Greek user accounts compromised, in a blow to efforts to restore confidence after a huge data breach affecting millions.

Websites in Thailand and Indonesia had also been affected, it said.

The Japanese entertainment and technology giant said data taken from Greek accounts included email addresses, telephone numbers, names and passwords but that credit card data had not been stolen in the latest attacks.

Analysts say such breaches threaten to further

damage Sony's brand image and undermine its efforts to link its gadgets to an online "cloud-based" network of games, movies and music that relies on consumer confidence in their security.

Sony said it discovered the security breach on its Greek Sony Music Entertainment website on Sunday and immediately stopped the service that allows fans of artists to sign up for newsletters. It remains shut down.

A Sony spokesman said the company had nothing to indicate that leaked information has been posted on other websites.



Orb-weaving spider from Madagascar that was named for Charles Darwin — *Caerostris darwini*

carene Islands in the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico and the North Atlantic Ocean.

The top 10 list is compiled by global experts and released annually by the International Institute for Species Exploration at Arizona State University.

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Health & Living

Australian troops in UAE hospital blunder

SYDNEY (AFP) – Australian soldiers in the Middle East may have been exposed to blood-borne infections such as HIV because the main defence force hospital near Dubai did not properly sterilise equipment, it was revealed Tuesday.

Australian Defence Force chief Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston said the oversight was disappointing but it was highly unlikely that any Australian soldier or contractor would have become ill as a result.

"I would assess the risk as very low," Houston told reporters, saying the number of

surgical procedures carried out at the Al-Minhad base in the United Arab Emirates was small. "However, we are making sure that we do everything we can to ensure that nobody has been inadvertently infected."

Houston said no seriously wounded troops were sent to Al-Minhad.

The Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday reported that an unknown number of troops and contractors were affected by the blunder, which occurred between February 2009 and August 2010.

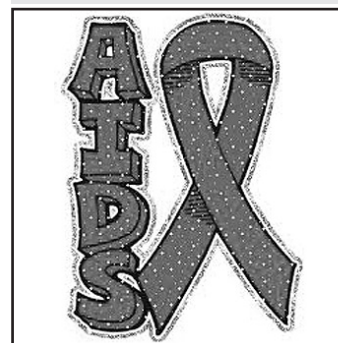
It quoted from a memo to

soldiers which said that staff at the Al-Minhad air base health facility had identified "lapses in procedure in the operation of the surgical instrument steriliser at that facility".

"As a consequence the sterilisation of surgical instruments at the facility cannot be absolutely guaranteed to have met Australian standards," it said.

The alert noted that the risk of infection was low given that blood-borne diseases within the defence force were extremely rare and all soldiers were vaccinated against hepatitis B.

WHO reaffirms commitment to AIDS fight



GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – At least two million lives could be saved by 2015 if the World Health Organisation's 193 member-states achieve stated goals in the fight against AIDS, the global body said Tuesday.

At the WHO's 64th general assembly, member-states reaffirmed their desire to increase access to prevention options and treatment.

"Two millions lives could

be saved between now and 2015 if the strategy plan is fully implemented," said Andrew Ball, an official with the WHO's HIV/AIDS programme.

The assembly adopts a new strategy to curb HIV/AIDS every five years.

The policy agreed Tuesday is similar to a 2006-2010 plan in emphasising increased access to treatment, prevention, and reducing deaths among mothers and children.

It aims to halve the infection rate among people aged 15 to 24, a 90 percent reduction of infections among children, and a 25 percent cut in HIV-related deaths.

There are 33.3 million people living with HIV, including 22.5 million in sub-Saharan Africa, according to UNAIDS.

Caffeine:

How much is too much?

If you rely on caffeine to wake you up and keep you going, you aren't alone. Caffeine stimulates the central nervous system, alleviating fatigue, increasing wakefulness, and improving concentration and focus.

For most healthy adults, moderate doses of caffeine — 200 to 300 milligrams (mg), or about two to four cups of brewed coffee a day — aren't harmful. But some circumstances may warrant limiting or even ending your caffeine routine. Read on to see if any of these apply to you.

Although moderate caffeine intake isn't likely to cause harm, too much can lead to some unpleasant effects. Heavy daily caffeine use — more than 500 to 600 mg a day — may cause:

- Insomnia
- Nervousness
- Restlessness
- Irritability

- Stomach upset
- Fast heartbeat
- Muscle tremors

Some people are more sensitive to caffeine than are others. If you're susceptible to the effects of caffeine, just small amounts — even one cup of coffee or tea — may prompt unwanted effects, such as restlessness and sleep problems.

How you react to caffeine may be determined in part by how much caffeine you're used to drinking. People who don't regularly drink caffeine tend to be more sensitive to its negative effects. Other factors may include body mass, age, medication use and health conditions such as anxiety disorders. Research also suggests that men are more susceptible to the effects of caffeine than are women.

Most adults need seven to eight hours of sleep each

night. But caffeine can interfere with this much-needed sleep. Chronically losing sleep — whether it's from work, travel, stress or too much caffeine — results in sleep deprivation. Sleep loss is cumulative, and even small nightly decreases can add up and disturb your daytime alertness and performance.

Using caffeine to mask sleep deprivation can create an unwelcome cycle. For example, you drink caffeinated beverages because you have trouble staying awake during the day. But the caffeine keeps you from falling asleep at night, shortening the length of time you sleep.

The bottom line: If you're like most adults, caffeine is a part of your daily routine. And most often it doesn't pose a health problem. But be mindful of those situations in which you need to curtail your caffeine habit.

Vitamin D



Vitamin D is the new vitamin du jour. The American Academy of Pediatrics Commission on Nutrition doubled its recommended intake of vitamin D from 200 to 400 IUs (international units)/day. Why the change? It's not because there have been any new important studies, rather, it has just gotten clearer that vitamin D is good stuff; that when taken in infancy and childhood it promotes strong bones lasting into adulthood; that it may play a role in preventing such nasty adult diseases as diabetes and cancer; that it may bolster the immune system; and that it can lower the rate of hip fractures in the elderly. Not bad for a long ignored vitamin!

New York Jets Flight crew cheerleaders visits Aruba



Last Monday Aruba was honored by the presence of 20 cheerleaders of the New York Jets Flight Crew who have chosen Aruba for the shooting of their 2011-2012 calendar.

The Radisson Aruba Resort will be the venue for their weeklong photo shoots. They will also be taking pictures at various unique tourism locations around the island.

The popular New York Jets Flight Crew Cheerleaders and their crew arrived here aboard the JetBlue Getaway on an airplane branded with the New York Jets logo. This made

quite an impact at the Aruba Reina Beatrix airport the moment the airplane landed here.

The Aruba Tourism Authority together with South Beach Lounge is expected to offer the cheerleaders and their crew a "happy hour" on Friday 27th from 8:30 to 10 pm. The cheerleaders will do a short presentation of one of their routines for those present.

The ATA extends an invitation to the entire island to come out on Friday evening and enjoy the cheerleaders and take pictures of and with them.

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In a first, Venezuela suspends driver's license

CARACAS, Venezuela – Car-friendly Venezuela, where gasoline is almost free and troublesome highway rules rarely imposed, has suspended a bus driver from the roads for a year in the first case of a suspended license in the OPEC nation.

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Parra, 41, for driving at excessive speed in a large, overladen passenger bus that was missing one of its rear wheels.

The bus was packed with more passengers than legally permitted and one of its six wheels was wedged in an aisle inside, national police

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Waldy Simson donates copies of new catalogue to Aruba National Library

Last Friday, Director of the Aruba National Library, Astrid Britten, received copies of the new catalogue of the versatile artist Waldy Simson. The copies of the catalogue are a donation to the libraries of Oranjestad and San Nicolas.

The cover of the catalogue portrays an image of Michael Jackson which Simson made with black and white paper cuttings.

Beside a brief biography of Waldy Simson the catalogue also offers a view of artistic projects hosted by Simson and pictures of different forms of artworks which he practices.



"Paseo Musical" this Sunday at Cas di Cultura

The Music school "Scol di Musica Rufo Wever" presents, under the leadership of Catherine Provence, Johnny Croes, Albert Croes y Franklin Granadillo: voice-piano- and recorder pupils in their concert: "Paseo Musical" - "Musical Journey."

"Musical Journey" will also have the debut of the Choir "da CaPo".

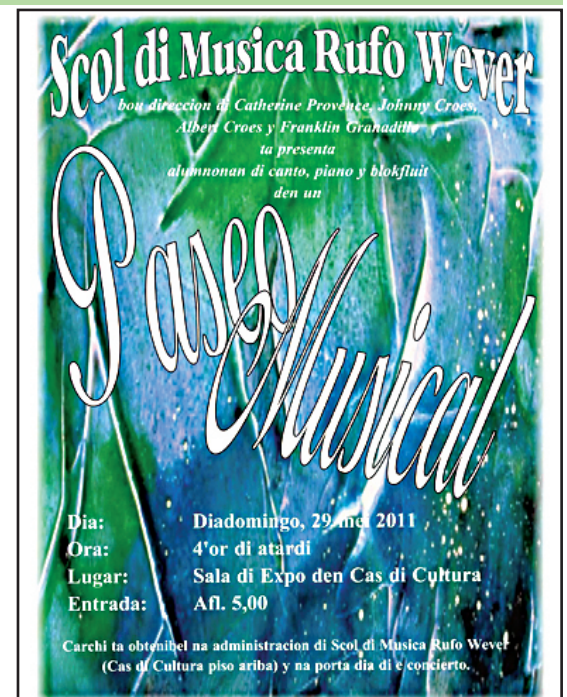
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4. Comprehend
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13. Address book abbr.
14. Pathway
15. Furtive whisper
16. Poet's "before"
17. Involved with
18. Frat party costume
20. Diner's lap covering
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23. Venomous viper
24. Boxing great Muhammad
25. Greek letter
27. Supports
31. Spectacle glass
33. That man
35. French couturier
36. Costume jewelry
38. Knock lightly
40. Digits (abbr.)
41. "Yes" vote
43. Dobbin's comment
45. "Citizen Kane" director
48. Airborne toy
49. Stuntman Knievel

50. Physics, e.g. (abbr.)
52. Lacking humidity
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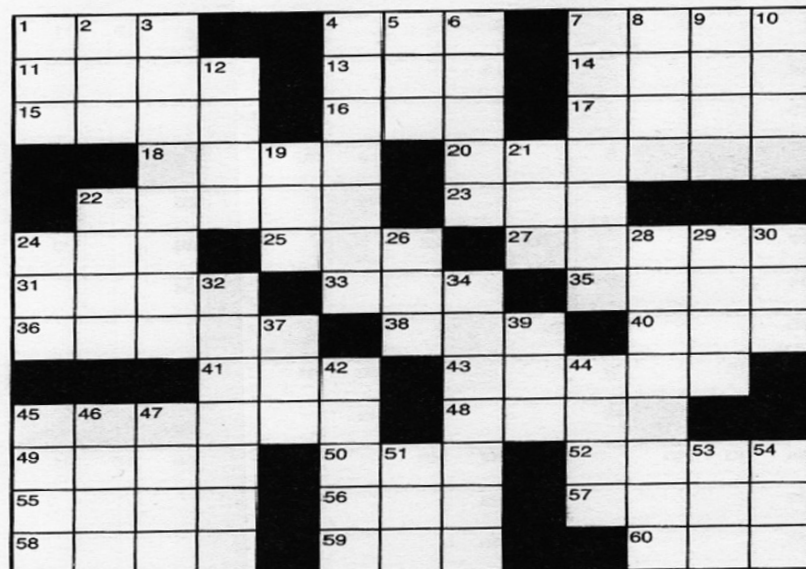
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5. Poetic "ever"
6. "Maria ___"
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8. Military grade
9. Against (prefix)
10. City light
12. British school
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37. Seeing organ
39. Architect I.M. ___
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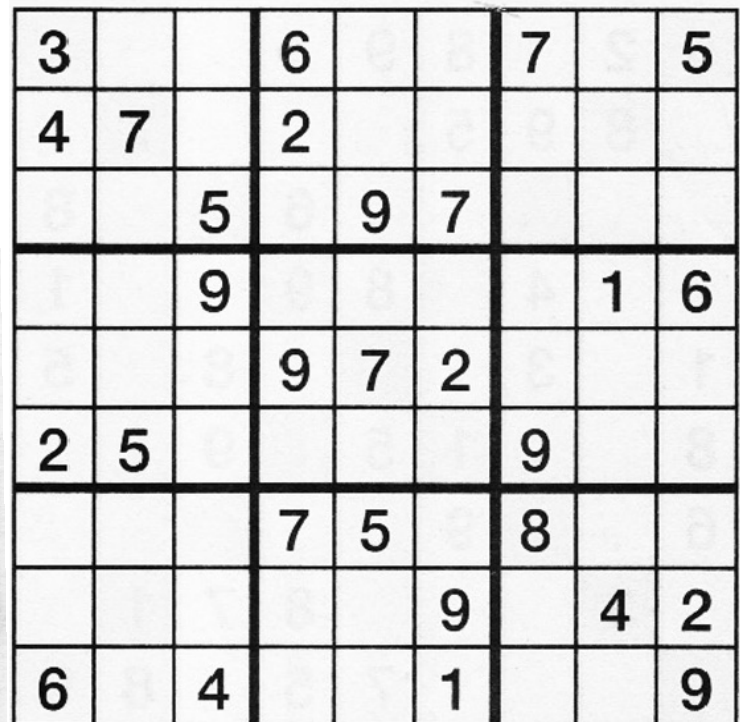
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Finance

Chrysler exits government bailout 6 years early

WASHINGTON (AFP) – US automaker Chrysler announced Tuesday it had exited six years early a US and Canadian rescue program with the repayment of billions of dollars provided during the 2008-2009 economic crisis.

Chrysler said it had repaid, six years ahead of time, \$5.1 billion along with \$865 million in interest and fees to the US Treasury.

It repaid another \$1.7 billion in principle, interest and fees to the government-owned Export Development Canada.

After going through a sweeping bankruptcy reorganization underpinned by the government loans, the company said it was "returning as

a competitive force in the global automotive industry."

Earlier this month, Chrysler raised \$8.8 billion in private loans and debt placements as well as new equity from key shareholder Fiat, in order to retire the government financing.

That will save it an estimated \$350 million a year in interest expenses, Chrysler said.

President Barack Obama, who went out on a political limb when his administration pushed to use financial industry rescue funds for big car-makers Chrysler and General Motors, called the repayment a "significant milestone" for the company and for people who rely on the auto industry.



PARIS, France : TOP SHOTS-Activists of humanitarian NGO Oxfam dressed as (FromL) President of Russia Dmitry Medvedev, Prime minister of the United Kingdom David Cameron, President of the United States Barack Obama, president of France Nicolas Sarkozy, Prime minister of Italy Silvio Berlusconi, Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, Prime minister of Japan Naoto Kan and Prime minister of Canada Stephen Harper play poker during a happening about G8 leaders promises on May 23, 2011 in Paris. The leaders of the G8 world's powers will gather this week at their summit in the French seaside resort of Deauville. Placard reads "G8 Aid commitments. Who bluffs?"

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'e-G8' summit divided over policing Internet



France's President Sarkozy attends the e-G8 meeting gathering Internet and information technologies leaders and experts

PARIS, France (AFP) – The boss of Google warned Tuesday against moves to step up regulation of the Internet after French President Nicolas Sarkozy said governments must have a hand in setting the rules to avoid anarchy.

Addressing bosses from the world's biggest online firms at the first "e-G8" summit, Sarkozy hailed their "Internet revolution", but warned that governments must have the tools to prevent what he called "democratic chaos".

He hailed the role of the Internet in recent uprisings such as the revolts in Tunisia and Egypt, but insisted online activity must be governed by rules, notably to protect copyright material from on-line piracy.

Democratic governments "are the only legitimate representatives of the will of the people," he said. "To forget this is to take the risk of democratic chaos and hence anarchy."

But Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of the world's biggest search engine Google, responded in a subsequent debate by warning leaders against undue regulation of new industries for fear of choking them off.

The e-G8 aims to draw up a declaration for the Group of Eight Leaders who meet in Deauville, northwestern France, on Thursday and Friday, with discussions covering sensitive issues such as online copyright and censorship.

Rupert Murdoch, the billionaire head of the News Corporation empire and ar-

guably the world's most powerful media mogul, backed Sarkozy's stance on copyright, calling for the G8 to protect intellectual property.

The open-Internet campaigner and former lyricist for rock group the Grateful Dead, John Perry Barlow, hit back at the French stance in a later debate.

"What this forum has been about is imposing the structure of business practices and institutional power that come from another era," he said. "You cannot own free speech," he added, sitting alongside Sarkozy's Culture Minister Frederic Mitterrand.

"I absolutely do not share this apocalyptic vision," Mitterrand retorted, adding that as a writer, the intellectual property system "allowed me to live off my artistic work."

Top executives from online giants including Microsoft, Facebook, eBay and Amazon attended the gathering to tout the economic potential of the Internet, which Sarkozy has put on the agenda of the G8 summit he will host this week.

Other e-G8 guests include the founder of the vast social networking site Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg, who is due to speak at the close of the forum today.

With blogs and Tweets oiling the wheels of revolution in some countries and scans and downloads sparking trade disputes in others, the stakes are high for leaders seeking to profit from the web but also to rein in online crime.

Oil prices rebound on weaker dollar

NEW YORK, (AFP) - Crude oil prices bounced back Tuesday from sharp losses the previous day, lifted by a weaker dollar and a bullish price forecast from US banks Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley.

New York's main contract, light sweet crude for delivery in July, closed at \$99.59 a barrel, an increase of \$1.89 from Monday.

In London, Brent North Sea crude for July added \$2.43 to settle at \$112.53 a barrel.

The benchmark West Texas Intermediate contract had earlier fallen close to \$95.

"The \$95 dollar price band is the level that every trader is looking at" and is providing "a major support for oil," said Rich Ileszysyn of futures brokerage Lind-Waldock.

The market gained support

Tuesday from "outside market influence," he said.

Equity markets that had tumbled Monday amid worries about eurozone debt stabilized slightly and the dollar weakened, making dollar-priced oil more attractive to investors.

Tom Bentz at BNP Paribas explained that the market was volatile due to the tug of different factors.

Investors are worried about the eurozone debt crisis and signs of slowing growth in the United States and China, the two largest economies and huge consumers of oil.

Yet oil demand apparently remains robust while oil production in Libya has been disrupted by unrest.

Goldman Sachs estimated oil would hit \$130 a barrel over the next 12 months.

TUESDAY'S Crossword Answer



Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their in-

"Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club-

ment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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vestment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years.

house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their invest-



The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin



Grandma's stoba with classic rice/peas and homemade potato-beat salad

restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu, made from whatever is in season.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!



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EU counter attacks entertainment piracy

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP) — The European Union mounted on Tuesday an offensive against online music and film piracy, with plans to rewrite intellectual property law across the EU market of half a billion consumers.

Registered cases of counterfeiting and product piracy at the borders of the 27-state single market rocketed between 2005 and 2009, the latest period for which the European Commission gave figures, logging more than 43,000 in-

fringements.

Officials say piracy has cost the European music, movie, TV and software industries 10 billion euros (\$14 billion) and more than 185,000 jobs in 2008 -- but consumers the world over now expect easy online access to cheap entertainment through a variety of delivery models.

The EU executive says it will target the problem "at source," going by plans drawn up for Financial Services Commissioner Michel Barnier

and taxation counterpart Algirdas Semeta, and seek action by Internet Service Providers (ISPs).

Just in 2009, EU customs intercepted 40,000 suspect shipments involving 118 million items -- but tracking is now causing exponential problems whether online or in millions of small postal consignments, hence the focus on the online channels to audiences.

European Commission proposals say Brussels "will iden-

tify ways to create a framework allowing, in particular, combating infringements of intellectual property rights via the Internet more effectively."

The detail says amendments to existing legislation "should have as their objective tackling the infringements at their source and, to that end, foster cooperation of intermediaries, such as ISPs."

A commission official admitted it was "too early" to say exactly what could be done.

Thierry Dieu of European

telecoms operators industry association Etno warned the commission must "avoid imposing disproportionate and unjustifiable obligations on Internet access providers, such as de facto surveillance of products distributed across their networks."

He argued that the EU should concentrate instead on boosting the availability of bona fide material and "accessible" pricing models encouraging growth in these channels.



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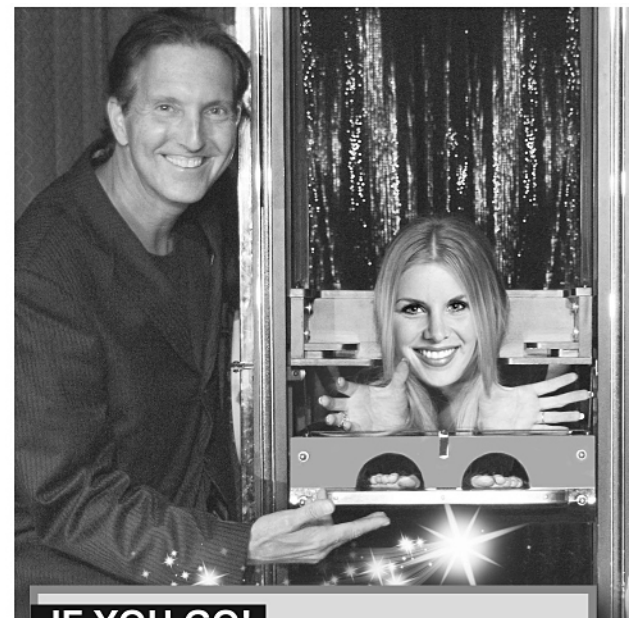
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Soccer Camp for island youth

Continued from pg 16



Minister Visser with officials and young players

Andre Ooijer plays defense for the AJAX team in Holland and was one of those selected to be on the Dutch National Team competing in the World Cup; their battle to the finals was avidly followed on Aruba, and after the competitions in South Africa, Andre and three of his teammates vacationed here, where they were honored by Prime Minister Mike Eman.

Ooijer agreed to lend his name and time to this free camp for island youngsters, providing them the opportunity for some authentic professional training and tips. There are 20 teams in LIFIDA; and 4 youngsters from each team, of either gender, will be selected to attend the camp at absolutely no charge. "This will offer an opportunity to some of the young talented players who cannot afford the costly camps offered during the summer school break to develop and

improve their play," commented Dr. Visser. The project will include healthy meals and a program to educate youth on healthy lifestyles and what it takes to be a professional athlete.

Jesse Beukenboom mentioned that "Aruba's great soccer players of tomorrow are in LIFIDA today; such a project for youth is vital for the health of our children and the continuation of the sport."

Conducting the camp will be a delegation of 4 expert soccer coaches, and Andre Ooijer will be attending the final competition which will end the program, and the awarding of the Andre Ooijer Cup 2011. Minister Visser emphasized that a tournament will allow all LIFIDA players to participate and play. During the weekend,

special training sessions for island soccer coaches working with the young LIFIDA players will be conducted. Saturday, June 4, young athletes of all sport disciplines are invited to participate in a session of Extreme H activities, a long standing health project for youth from Minister Visser, taking place at the Frans Figaroa Stadium in Noord from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

Olijer's status as one of the great players of Holland was just confirmed as his contract with Ajax was renewed for the 2011/2012 season; Jesse Beukenboom expressed this was a great co-operative effort of many agencies and the hope it will become an annual event.

By Rosalie Klein

Razzano, Ivanovic out at French Open



PARIS (AFP) – Grieving Virginie Razzano and struggling former champion Ana Ivanovic flooded the French Open with tears on Tuesday, sweeping winning drawcards Maria Sharapova and Kim Clijsters into the shade. French 28-year-old Razzano was inconsolable as she recounted how fiance and coach Stephane Vidal, who died from a brain tumour eight days ago, had encouraged her to play Roland Garros. Ivanovic, the 2008 champion and former world number one, also broke down as she vented her mounting frustration at seeing her career bedevilled by a series of stomach and wrist injuries.



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Nadal survives French Open first-round scare

PARIS (AFP) – Defending champion Rafael Nadal risked a shock French Open elimination against big-serving American John Isner before prevailing in five sets to reach the second round on Tuesday.

Bidding for a record-equalling sixth Roland Garros crown, an off-colour Nadal had to fight back from a one-set deficit to win 6-4, 6-7 (2/7), 6-7 (2/7), 6-2, 6-4 in a 4hr 05min thriller on Court Philippe Chatrier. "Tres, tres difficile!" said Nadal in an on-court interview, after a victory he greeted by leaping off his feet and punching the air.

Isner took a 5-2 lead in the first tie-break and when a wayward return from Nadal gifted the American four set points, Isner grabbed the opportunity to level the match with a lusty serve that left the champion floundering.

The 24-year-old was not patrolling the clay with anything like his usual authority and two spurned set points in the third set allowed Isner to drag him into another tie-break.

Once again, Isner assembled a 5-2 lead and when Nadal needlessly netted a backhand the American pounced, slamming home a forehand return to take the set.

Isner proved his stamina by outlasting France's Nicolas Mahut in a world record 11hr 5min marathon at Wimbledon

last year, but Nadal closed the door on an upset by asserting control of the fourth set.

With a packed central court scenting an upset, Nadal dug deep to level the match and then procured the single break of serve he needed in the decider to take his place in the second round where he faces Pablo Andujar.

British fourth seed Andy Murray comfortably moved into the second round by dispatching stylish French qualifier Eric Prodon 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 on Court Suzanne Lenglen.

He will play Italy's Simone Bolelli for a place in the last 32.

Fifth seed Robin Soderling, runner-up for the last two years, overcame a second-set wobble to defeat American lucky loser Ryan Harrison 6-1, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 7-5 and set up an encounter with Albert Ramos-Vinolas of Spain.

Austrian eighth seed Jurgen Melzer, a losing semi-finalist last year, beat Germany lucky loser Andreas Beck 6-3, 6-4, 6-2, but there was a shock defeat for 11th-seeded claycourt specialist Nicolas Almagro of Spain.

Almagro has won three claycourt titles this year and reached the Roland Garros quarter-finals on two occasions, but he came a cropper in a 3-6, 2-6, 7-6 (7/3), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 defeat by Polish qualifier Lukasz Kubot.

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BOSTON	25	21	.543	0.5
TORONTO	23	23	.500	2.5
BALTIMORE	21	24	.467	4.0

Central

CLEVELAND	29	15	.659	--
DETROIT	23	23	.500	7.0
KANSAS CITY	22	24	.478	8.0
CHICAGO	22	26	.458	9.0
MINNESOTA	15	30	.333	14.5

West

TEXAS	24	23	.511	--
LA ANGELES	24	24	.500	0.5
SEATTLE	22	24	.478	1.5
OAKLAND	22	25	.468	2.0

National League

East

PHILADELPHIA	28	18	.609	--
FLORIDA	26	19	.578	3.5
ATLANTA	26	23	.531	2.5
NY METS	22	24	.478	6.0
WASHINGTON	21	25	.457	7.0

Central

ST. LOUIS	28	20	.583	--
CINCINNATI	25	22	.532	0.5
MILWAUKEE	24	23	.511	4.5
PITTSBURG	22	24	.478	5.0
CHICAGO	20	25	.444	5.5
HOUSTON	17	30	.362	10.5

West

SAN FRANCISCO	27	19	.587	--
COLORADO	23	22	.511	3.5
ARIZONA	23	23	.500	4.0
LA DODGERS	21	27	.438	7.0
SAN DIEGO	19	28	.404	8.5

NBA Mavs rally to stun Thunder in OT

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (AFP) — Dirk Nowitzki scored 40 points Monday as Dallas erased a late 15-point deficit and beat Oklahoma City 112-105 in overtime to move to within one win of reaching the NBA finals.

Jason Kidd hit the go-ahead three-pointer with 40 seconds remaining in overtime and the Mavericks took a three-games-to-one lead in the best-of-seven Western Conference finals.

The winner of the series will face either Chicago or Miami for the NBA crown.

"I believe that was all about getting stops," Mavs coach Rick Carlisle said. "Every guy who was in there made big plays."

"The one thing about this team all year is we have been a resourceful group. They keep believing. They have



been extremely opportunistic. I don't know how you quantify that. But this comeback was fantastic."

The Mavericks trailed by 15 points in the final five

minutes of regulation.

They didn't take the lead until Nowitzki drained two

free throws 16 seconds into overtime.

Kevin Durant missed a three-pointer on Oklahoma City's opening possession of overtime then didn't get another shot until he missed a three-point attempt off the front rim in the final 10 seconds, when the Thunder trailed by five.

Durant finished with 29 points and 15 rebounds. Serge Ibaka had 18 points and 10 rebounds for Oklahoma City. Russell Westbrook added 19 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

The Mavericks will host game five today, and Durant said the Thunder must stay positive.

Sports briefs...

Junqueira loses ride in Indy 500 deal

INDIANAPOLIS (AFP) — It's another Indianapolis 500 disappointment for Brazil's Bruno Junqueira, whose spot in the field for Sunday's 100th anniversary edition of the race has been handed to another driver. Junqueira qualified 19th for the race in A.J. Foyt Racing's No. 41 car. But Foyt and Andretti Autosport owner Michael Andretti made a deal on Monday that put Andretti driver Ryan Hunter-Reay into the car. Under Indianapolis rules, it's the car that is qualified rather than the driver, but as a substitute driver, Hunter-Reay will have to start from the back of the grid. Junqueira, hanging around the Foyt garage on Tuesday, insisted he was fine with the move, which is especially unusual since he has been replaced by a driver from another team. "My mind is OK," he said. "I think I did my job well. I put the car in the field in good position, solid in the first day, and I did what I could." It's not the first such disappointment for the Brazilian. In 2009 he qualified a car for Conquest Racing but gave up his spot to this year's pole-sitter, Alex Tagliani, because Tagliani had more sponsorship.

Tiger expects to be 'ready to go' for US Open

NEWTOWN SQUARE (AFP) — Tiger Woods was taking no chances Tuesday, using crutches and a protective boog on his left leg in a promotional appearance but said he expects to play the US Open. Woods said he doubted he would play the Memorial next week in Dublin, Ohio, a tournament hosted by Jack Nicklaus and used by many of the game's elite as a tune-up for the US Open. But he said he expects to be "ready to go" for the second major of the season when Congressional hosts the US Open June 16-19. Woods said he has pain in his left knee, left Achilles tendon, tightening in his calf and a sore lower back. He hopes proper treatment and rehabilitation can solve the problems and that doctors haven't mentioned leg surgery.

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Aruba's Minister of Public Health and Sport, Dr. Richard Visser, proudly announced that world renowned soccer star Andre Ooijer, whose outstanding performance at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa played an important

role in them winning 2nd place, has agreed to endorse a soccer clinic for Aruba youth over the weekend of June 3, 4 and 5.

Joining Dr. Visser for the announcement was Director of the Aruba Football League, (AVB) Jesse Beukenboom, Willy Willems, Head of IDEFRE, Aruba's official sport organization, and Jose Weaver, best known as Buchi Panama, Director of LIFIDA, the soccer league for island youth ages 7 to 17.

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Noah calls \$50,000 fine 'fair'

MIAMI (AFP) – Chicago's French center Joakim Noah said Tuesday the \$50,000 fine he received for using an anti-gay slur in an angry response to a heckling fan was "fair".

Noah, again acknowledged a "mistake" in his exchange with the fan.

"I made a mistake, learned

from it and move on," Noah said. "That's about it."

The league disclosed the fine on Monday afternoon, a day after television cameras caught Noah appearing to say "faggot" after sitting down on the bench just 5:34 into the opening quarter of Miami's 96-85 triumph, which gave

the Heat a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven final.

Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers was fined \$100,000 for a similar outburst in April, but the league said his fine included a penalty for verbal abuse of a game official.



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